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IN THE CLAIMS:

At the top of page 73 of the application, replace
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--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

1. (Amended) A polynucleotide selected from the group
consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide encoding a protein having the amino acid
sequence of SEQ ID NO 38, or a polynucleotide variant thereof

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